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Daniel Ian Flitcroft et al.  
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Filing Date: October 19, 2000  
Title: CREDIT CARD SYSTEM AND METHOD

Group Art Unit: 3628  
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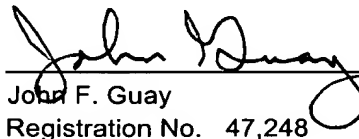
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Please advise, in writing, as to the current status of the above-captioned application. The last correspondence received from the PTO was an Office Action dated December 2, 2003. A response thereto was filed on May 3, 2004. Additionally, a Status Inquiry letter was submitted on September 24, 2004, but this letter remains unanswered.

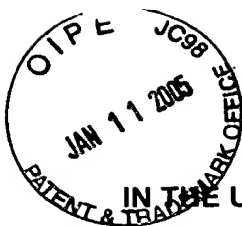
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To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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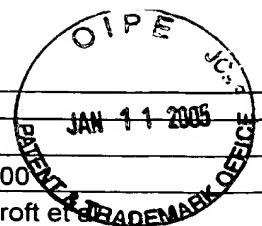
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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